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REPLY AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL			Application Number		10/770,392					
			Filing Date		February 4, 2004					
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				Inventor						
				Group Art Unit		2164				
AMOUNT ENCLOSED			\$0.00	Examiner Name BELL, CORY C.			′ C.			
FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 12/08/04)										
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Since an Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>October 17, 2006</u> , petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$120)); (2 months (\$450)); (3 months (\$1,020)); (4 months (\$1,590)); (5 months (\$2,160):										
If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$500.00)									-	
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Information Disclosure Statement (Rule 1.17(p)) (\$180.00)  Total of above Calculations =								\$	0.00	
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METHOD OF PAYMENT										
Check enclosed as payment.										
Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to the Deposit Account No. below.										
No payment is enclosed.										
GENERAL AUTHORIZATION										
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any overpayment or charge any additional fees necessary to:  Deposit Account No. 19-3935										
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The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees required under										
37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 CFR 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application, including										
any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 USC § 120 (e.g., continuations/divisionals/CPAs under 37 CFR										
1.53(d)) to maintain pendency hereof or of any such related application.										
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## **AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on October 17, 2006.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.